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SUBJECT: LABOR ATTACHE CONFERENCE - 1973

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1. SUGGEST FOLLOWING ADDITION TO TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION
IN EUROPEAN SESSION: INTRA- EUROPEAN LABOR MIGRATION AND
IMPLICATIONS FOR ACTIVITIES OF MNC'S AND DIRECT FOREIGN
INVESTMENT. SUGGESTION IS BASED ON EMBASSY BELIEF THAT
FOREIGN WORKERS IN EUROPE ARE POTENT POLITICAL- ECONOMIC
FORCE IN TERMS OF ATTITUDES IN RECEIVING COUNTRIES. MORE-
OVER, EMBASSY BELIEVES, THAT IN PERIOD OF INCREASING CONTROLS
ON TRADE, CAPITAL FLOWS AND MIGRATION, MNC'S IN EUROPEAN LABOR-
SHORT COUNTRIES MAY BE TEMPTED TO ESTABLISH PRODUCTION
FACILITIES IN EUROPEAN LABOR- SURPLUS COUNTRIES RATHER
THAN NEAR CUSTOMERS, PRINCIPALLY US. A TREND OF THIS
NATURE COULD HAVE ADVERSE IMPLICATIONS FOR " INVEST IN
USA" PROGRAM.

2. PER PARA 2 REFTEL, MELVILLE E. BLAKE, JR. PLANS TO
ATTEND CONFERENCE.

3. DOES PARA 2 EXCLUDE ATTENDANCE OF EMBASSY'S LABOR
REPORTING OFFICER? UPON TRANSFER OF FIRST SECRETARY
HELEN KAVAN IN JANUARY, RESPONSIBILITY FOR LABOR
AFFAIRS WAS TRANSFERRED TO SECOND SECRETARY MILTON A.
BEARDEN. IN ADDITION TO LABOR AFFAIRS, BEARDEN IS RES-
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PONSIBLE FOR ASPECTS OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL POLICY
AND WELL EQUIPPED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS.
EMBASSY BERN NOMINATES BEARDEN TO ATTEND CONFERENCE AND
REQUESTS CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF TNFS NOMINATION.
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